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I can't tell you how disappointing it is to see the advancement of Senate and House Bills advancing
[SB 1130: Remove Critical Sand Dune Protections | Great Michigan](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billintroduced/House/htm/2012-HIB-5647.htm)

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Reducing the authority of municipalities and residents to consider and speak out and when appropriate on developer's plans that can affect the protection of dunes and shoreline, before permits are issued, is just wrong.

This only allows for more building like that already in St. Joseph, dangerously close to the water's edge, resulting eventually with owners looking for relief of that danger with seawalls further blighting and damaging the shoreline. The only thing neighboring residents could do was appeal to the City Commission, which ultimately forced the owners to withdraw their request.

These bills may be in the best interest of developers and real estate companies but certainly not in the best interest of preserving a shoreline containing the worlds' largest collection of freshwater sand dunes deemed critical.

Sincerely

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